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In re Application of
L. SHAPIRO

Serial No. 09/518,081

Filed: March 3, 2000

Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR INHIBITING APOPTOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: R. Hutson.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, Paper No. 4, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Response to Restriction Requirement:

In the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-25, and Group II, claims 26-28. In addition, the Examiner also stated that Applicant must further elect between the species of claims 3, 5, and 8 and list all claims readable on the elected species. Because claims 3, 5, and 8 are in Group I, Applicant understands the Examiner's request for an election of species to apply only if Group I is elected.